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SUB: CHAIRMAN DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST UNIFIED BUDDHIST FORCES OF VIETNAM CALLS ON US CONGRESS TO AID RVN

1. WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO TRANSMIT FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO US CONGRESS ON BEHALF OF PROFESSOR VU QUOC THONG, CHAIRMAN OF DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST UNIFIED BUDDHIST FORCES OF VIETNAM. REQUEST THAT DEPARTMENT PASS TO APPROPRIATE RECIPIENTS ON HILL.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

TO: HONORABLE CONGRESSMEN
CAPITOL HILL WASHINGTON, D.C.

FROM : THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST UNIFIED BUDDHIST FORCES OF VIETNAM.

ON BEHALF OF MILLIONS OF VIETNAMESE BUDDHISTS AND SYMPATHISERS, WE PLEAD FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF PRESIDENT FORD'S REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL HUMANITARIAN AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO SOUTH VIETNAM. DESPITE DIVERGENT OPINIONS OF SOME PROMINENT MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS, WE DO HOPE THAT YOU WILL NOT DEPRIVE US OF THE MEANS TO DEFEND OURSELVES AGAINST THE ATTACK OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS IN DIRECT VIOLATION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENTS AND TO WORK FOR PEACEFUL NEGOTIATION. THE FACT THAT TWENTY YEARS AGO AND AGAIN VERY RECENTLY MILLIONS OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE WERE WILLING TO ABANDON ALL THEIR PROPERTIES AND TO ENDURE ANY HARSHSHIP INCLUDING DEATH TO FLEE BEFORE NORTH VIETNAMESE ADVANCES ELOQUENTLY, SUPPORTS THE PLEA THAT OUR UNCLASSIFIED

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PEOPLE DESERVE A CHANCE TO FIGHT FOR OUR FREEDOM.

SINCE WE ARE AWARE THAT YOUR DECISION WILL BE DETERMINANT
TO THE SURVIVAL OF A FREE VIETNAM, WE STRONGLY HOPE THAT
YOU WILL NOT DEPRIVE THE FREEDOM-LOVING PEOPLE OF SOUTH
VIETNAM OF A LAST CHANCE TO REMAIN IN THE FREE COMMUNITY.
PROFESSOR VU QUOC THONG, CHAIRMAN OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST
UNIFIED BUDDHIST FORCES OF VIETNAM. END TEXT.

3. COMMENT: THIS ORGANIZATION, BETTER KNOWN AS VIETNAMESE
BUDDHIST SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC FORCE, WAS FOUNDED IN 1971 AND IS
AFFILIATED WITH QUOC TU BUDDHIST CHURCH. VU QUOC THONG IS
WELL-KNOWN ATTORNEY AND FORMER DEAN OF SAIGON' UNIVERISTY'S
SCHOOL OF LAW.

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